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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Action Memorandum No. A-142

Date 28 December 1962

TO : Deputy Director (Intelligence) ✓  
ATTENTION: NPIC

SUBJECT : Cuban Photography

REFERENCE:

1. The DCI would like a thorough rundown on Cuban photography with an analysis of whether the present coverage is adequate, or whether we need more or less photography. He wishes assurance that all targets in Cuba are being covered with sufficient frequency so that there is no danger of surprise.

2. Could you have this available by 6 January. Would you keep this office advised of the progress and send your report to the Director through this office.

[Redacted Signature Box]

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick  
Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, COMOR

SUBJECT: Coverage of Highest Priority Targets in Cuba

1. The attached table outlines the BRASS KNOB coverage of Cuba during 20-28 December 1962. The targets listed are those which the COMOR has accepted as being of primary intelligence interest at the present time. The total COMOR target list for Cuba currently includes 157 items, all of which are covered and reported on periodically according to readout priorities developed by the COMOR and the NPIC.

2. All of the targets on the attached listing were adequately covered during the reporting period, and all but four (Banes Cruise Missile Site, Santa Clara A/F, Holguin A/F, and Manicaragua Staging Area) were covered with good photography during the missions of 27-28 December. On the basis of this coverage, together with collateral material and a telephonic description from the NPIC of 2 missions flown on 29 December, [redacted] missions are not considered justified according to the criteria established in USIB-D-41.5/41.

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		<u>Dates Requested</u>	<u>Dates Covered</u>	<u>REF ID</u> <u>Accession No.</u>	<u>Weather</u>
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1001	El Estero Military Camp 2053N/7531W	20-28 Dec	20 Dec 22 Dec 28 Dec	1148 1150 1156	heavy clouds, moon clear scattered clouds
1002	Benavides Military Area 2227E/7331W	20-28 Dec	20 Dec 22 Dec 28 Dec	1148 1151 1156	scattered clouds clear scattered clouds, clear
1003	Santiago de las Vegas Military Area 2258N/8220W	20-28 Dec	20 Dec 20 Dec 22 Dec 22 Dec 27 Dec 27 Dec 28 Dec	1149 1148 1150 1151 1152 1154 1157	clear " " " clear, scattered clouds clear clear
1004	Torres Military Concentration 2259N/8220W	20-28 Dec	20 Dec 20 Dec 22 Dec 22 Dec 27 Dec 27 Dec	1149 1148 1150 1151 1152 1154	clear clear clear clear clear clear
1005	Mayari Arriba U/I 2029E/7530W	20-28 Dec	22 Dec 27 Dec	1150 1153	clear clear
1006	Managua Sleeping Area 2256N/8219W	20-28 Dec	20 Dec 22 Dec 22 Dec 27 Dec	1148 1150 1151 1154	clear " " "

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		<u>Dates Requested</u>	<u>Dates Covered</u>	<u>NPIC Report No.</u>	<u>Quality of Photography</u>
9A 13	Rejucal Staging Area 2256N/8222W	20-28 Dec	20 Dec	1149	clear
			20 Dec	1148	"
			22 Dec	1150	"
			22 Dec	1151	"
			27 Dec	1152	clear, shadow
			27 Dec	1154	clear
			28 Dec	1157	clear
9A 22	Manicoragua Staging Area 2206N/7958W	20-28 Dec	22 Dec	1150	clear

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<p>✓ Kirk, The attached detailed report answers the question, I believe.</p> <p>To 4: Does this close this issue? If so, pls send documents to ER.</p> <p>LBKirkpatrick</p>			
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